

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, and 13 are independent. Claims 6, 12, and 18-20 are cancelled herein. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 7, and 13.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 13-17 are amended to clarify the scope of the invention. No new matter is added by way of these amendments as support can be found, for example, in pages 2-4, and Figures 1 and 2 of the originally filed specification.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,936,608 ("Springer"). Claims 6, 12, and 18 are canceled by this reply. Thus, the rejection is moot as to claims 6, 12, and 18. To the extent that the rejection may still apply to remaining amended claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

"A claim is anticipated only if *each and every element* as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP § 2131 (emphasis added). Further, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim." *Id.* Applicants respectfully assert that Springer fails to anticipate the amended claims.

Amended claim 1 requires that when an *abnormal condition* occurs in a computer system, the brightness of each pixel in a first area of a display screen is decreased and each pixel in second area of the display screen is *tinted* to display the same tint color. Claim 1 further requires that the first area and the second area include all contents of the display screen when the abnormal condition occurred and that decreasing the brightness of pixels and tinting pixels is done such that the contents of the display screen remain visible.

In contrast, Springer discloses a system and method for “controlling the brightness of visual objects displayed on an electron beam flat panel display monitor used in a computer system.” Springer at Abstract. More specifically, Springer discloses varying the brightness (*i.e.*, dimming or brightening) of pixels in selected visual objects (*e.g.*, a window or an icon or a group of windows or a group of icons) shown on a display monitor based on predetermined conditions such as a visual object no longer being in the user’s focus and a visual object moving into the user’s focus. *See* Springer at col. 5, lines 29-42. The predetermined conditions disclosed by Springer that cause the pixels of visual objects to be decreased in brightness do not include an abnormal condition of the computer system. Further, Springer is completely silent regarding tinting of pixels to display a same tint color. Thus, Springer cannot possibly be read to disclose both decreasing the brightness of pixels in a first area of a display screen and tinting each pixel in a second area of the display screen to display a same tint color in response to an abnormal condition of a computer system as required by amended claim 1.

In view of the above, Springer does not teach each and every limitation of amended claim 1. Amended claims 7 and 13 include limitations similar to those of amended claim 1 and are thus not anticipated by Springer for at least the same reasons. Claim 2-5, 8-11, and 14-17 depend directly or

indirectly from claims 1, 7, and 13 and are not anticipated by Springer for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Springer in view of U. S. Patent No. 7,046,254 ("Brown"). Claims 19 and 20 are canceled by this reply. Thus, the rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 33227/060001; SUN070736).

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